

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter reflected in Claims 10-13, 17-20, and 30-33. The disclosure was objected to because of an informality with the cross-reference to a related co-pending application. Accordingly, the specification has been amended to correct for the informality.

In the Office Action, Claims 10-13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the elements of the base claim from which Claims 10-13 depended. Accordingly, Claim 7 and 10 have been canceled, and Claim 1 has been amended to include all the elements that were previously represented in these claim. Moreover, Claims 11-13 have been amended to now depend from Claim 1. Since the dependent Claims 11-13 carry each and every element of a claim with allowable subject matter from which they depend (Claim 1), these claims are also allowable. The Office Action further objected to Claim 1 as conflicting with Claim 1 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/829,127. Applicants submit that Claim 1 in the present application as amended now includes patentably distinct elements from Claim 1 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/829,127.

In the Office Action, Claims 17-20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the elements of the base claim from which Claims 17-20 depended. Accordingly, Claim 17 has been canceled, and Claim 14 has been amended to include all the elements that were previously represented in this claim. Moreover, Claims 18-20 have been amended to now depend from Claim 14. Since the dependent Claims 18-20 carry each and every element of a claim with allowable subject matter from which they depend (Claim 14), these claims are also allowable.

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In the Office Action, Claims 30-33 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the elements of the base claim from which Claims 30-33 depended. Accordingly, Claim 30 has been canceled, and Claim 21 has been amended to include all the elements that were previously represented in this claim. Moreover, Claims 31-33 have been amended to now depend from Claim 21. Since the dependent Claims 31-33 carry each and every element of a claim with allowable subject matter from which they depend (Claim 21), these claims are also allowable.

Claims 7, 10, 17, and 30 have been canceled without prejudice. Subject matter that is not reflected in the pending claims may be pursued by applicants in a later-filed application. Applicants submit that all of the pending claims of the present application are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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